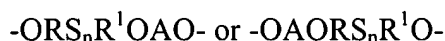


WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A compound characterized by having a unit formed from a polysulfide diol and an organic dibasic carboxylic acid or its anhydride, wherein the hydroxyl groups are separated from said polysulfide by at least 2 carbon atoms, having a total of at least about 5 carbon atoms, said polysulfide having from 2 to 8 sulfur atoms.
2. A compound according to claim 1, wherein said dibasic acid is an organic dicarboxylic acid or anhydride of at least about 2 carbon atoms and said polysulfide diol is aliphatic of from 4 to 40 carbon atoms.
3. A compound according to claim 2, wherein said polysulfide has from 2 to 4 sulfur atoms.
4. A compound according to claim 1, wherein said compound is a condensation copolymer.
5. A compound according to claim 1, wherein said compound is an addition polymer.
6. A compound having at least one unit of the formula:



wherein:

- O and S have their normal meaning of oxygen and sulfur;
- n is at least 2 and not more than about 8;
- R and R¹ are the same or different and are organic divalent radicals, each having from 2 to 20 carbon atoms; and
- A is the residue of a dibasic carboxylic acid of from 1 to 40 carbon atoms.

7. A composition of the formulae:

- (a) $MF_mRS_nR^1OM^1$; or
- (b) $MZAORS_nR^1F_m^1AZ^1M^1$,

wherein

- O and S have their normal meaning of oxygen and sulfur;
- n is at least 2 and not more than about 8;

F is of the formula $-ORS_nR^1OAO-$;

F^1 is of the formula $-OAORS_nR^1O-$

5 m is at least 1;

Z and Z^1 are the same or different and are oxy or amino;

M and M^1 are the same or different and are hydrogen or an organic substituent;

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R and R^1 are the same or different and are organic divalent radicals, each having from 2 to 20 carbon atoms; and

A is the residue of a dicarboxylic acid of from 2 to 40 carbon atoms.

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8. A composition according to claim 7, wherein M and M^1 are hydrogen and A is of from 2 to 12 carbon atoms and R and R^1 are aliphatic.

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9. A composition according to claim 7, wherein A is a fatty acid dimer residue and R and R^1 are aliphatic.

10. A composition according to claim 7, wherein:

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M is defined as W^1R^2- ; and

M^1 is defined as W^2R^3- ;

wherein:

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R^2 and R^3 are the same or different and are an organic divalent radical having from 2 to 12 carbon atoms; and

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W and W^1 are the same or different, and are amino and substituted amino of from about 1 to 6 carbon atoms, hydroxyl, carboxyl, isothiocyanate, isocyanate, oxo-carbonyl, non-oxo-carbonyl, siloxane, silane, cyclocarbonate, active olefin, or active halogen.

11. A copolymer comprising as a monomer a composition according to claim 7 wherein:

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said organic substituent for M is defined as W^1R^2- and for M^1 as W^2R^3- ;

R^2 and R^3 are the same or different and are an organic divalent radical having from 2 to 12 carbon atoms; and

W and W¹ are the same or different, and are amino and substituted amino of from about 1 to 6 carbon atoms, hydroxyl, carboxyl, isothiocyanate, isocyanate, oxo-carbonyl, non-oxo-carbonyl, siloxane, silane, cyclocarbonate, active olefin, or active halogen.

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12. A compound according to claim 11, wherein said polymer is a polyurethane.

13. A compound according to claim 11, wherein said polymer is a polyether.

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14. A compound according to claim 11, wherein said polymer is a polyester.

15. A compound according to claim 11, wherein said polymer is an addition polymer.

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16. A copolymer according to claim 11, wherein A is a dicarboxylic acid residue of from 2 to 8 carbon atoms and n is 2 to 4.

17. A compound according to claim 15, wherein at least one of W and W¹ is hydroxyl.

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18. A compound according to claim 15, wherein at least one of W and W¹ is carboxyl.

19. A compound according to claim 15, wherein at least one of W and W¹ is an amine.

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20. A compound of the formulae:

(a) $MF_mRS_nR^1OM^1$; or

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(b) $MF^l_mAOM^1$,

wherein:

F is of the formula -ORS_nR¹OAO-;

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F^l is of the formula -OAORS_nR¹O-;

m is at least 1;

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n is of 2 to 4;

R and R¹ are ethylene;

A is the residue of an aliphatic dicarboxylic acid of from 2 to 40 carbon atoms;

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and

M and M¹ are H.

21. A composition resulting from the reaction of the reactants
5 di(hydroxyethyl)disulfide, succinic or adipic acid and dimethylolpropionic acid and an
acid catalyst.

22. An object of a polymer comprising a compound according to claim 1.